

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (April 18, 2019) – Thirteen past champions and 47 of the top 50 players in the world are among those entered in the 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship, which will be conducted by the United States Golf Association from May 30-June 2, 2019, at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. Championship entries closed at 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 17.

"We are excited to see such a strong group of entrants from around the world for the 74th U.S. Women's Open Championship," said Shannon Rouillard, senior director, Championships for the USGA. "We can't wait to see the game's best take on this fantastic Seth Raynor-designed golf course, which we know will provide the ultimate test of golf and thrill fans from around the world."

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This marks the sixth consecutive year the U.S. Women's Open has received more than 1,500 entries, with the USGA accepting 1,552 entries for this year's championship. The 2015 championship at Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club holds the entry record with 1,873. The USGA accepted entries from golfers in 47 states, 32 entrants from South Carolina among them, and a total of 62 countries.

To be eligible for the U.S. Women's Open, a player must have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4, or be a professional. Sectional qualifying will be conducted over 36 holes between April 22-May 8. Qualifying will be held at 21 sites in the United States, as well as four international sites: one each in England, Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea.

Ariya Jutanugarn, of Thailand, who won the 2018 U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek in Birmingham, Ala., is one of the 13 fully exempt U.S. Women's Open champions. Jutanugarn is joined by Sung Hyun Park (2017), Brittany Lang (2016), In Gee Chun (2015), Michelle Wie (2014), Inbee Park (2013, 2008), Na Yeon Choi (2012), So Yeon Ryu (2011), Paula Creamer (2010), Eun-Hee Ji (2009), Cristie Kerr (2007), Karrie Webb (2001, 2000) and Laura Davies (1987), who earned an exemption based on her victory in the inaugural U.S. Senior Women's Open last July.

Two-time U.S. Women's Open champion Karrie Webb, of Australia, has accepted a special exemption into the championship. Webb, 44, won the 2000 U.S. Women's Open at The Merit Club in Gurnee, Ill., defeating Kerr and Meg Mallon by five strokes. In 2001, Webb defeated Se Ri Pak by eight strokes at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club in Southern Pines, N.C., to become the 12th player to win multiple U.S. Women's Opens. Webb's 23 consecutive Women's Opens entering this year is the longest active streak. Webb received a special exemption into the championship last year, when she missed the cut at Shoal Creek. She is a 41-time winner on the LPGA Tour and 15-time winner on the Ladies European Tour.

Brittany Lincicome, currently No. 37 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, and Sarah Jane Smith, who tied for fifth in last year's championship at Shoal Creek, have chosen to take advantage of the U.S. Women's Open's family-friendly [Maternity Extension Opportunity](#), and will defer their exemptions until the

2020 championship at Champions Golf Club in Houston, Texas.

This will be the second USGA championship conducted at the Country Club of Charleston. In 2013, Emma Talley defeated Yueer Cindy Feng, 1 up, to win the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. Talley is among the 100 players who are currently fully exempt into the championship, as are Gerina Mendoza and Suzann Pettersen, who chose to defer their 2018 exemptions to 2019, per the maternity opportunity.

The championship's youngest entrant is 11-year-old Seojin Park, of the Republic of Korea. She will attempt to qualify at the sectional qualifying site in Incheon, Korea, on April 25. Avery Zweig, 12, of McKinney, Texas, will try to qualify in Maple Grove, Minn., on May 7. Laura Baugh, 63, is the championship's oldest entrant. She will attempt to qualify in Bradenton, Fla., on May 6.

Celine Herbin, a 36-year-old professional from France, was the first to apply when entries opened on Feb. 20. The final entry came from Sana Tufail, a 22-year-old amateur from England, who filed three minutes before the 5 p.m. EDT deadline on April 17.

Players still have several opportunities to gain a full exemption into the U.S. Women's Open. The winner of any LPGA co-sponsored event prior to the start of the U.S. Women's Open, including this weekend's Lotte Championship in Oahu, Hawaii, will earn an exemption into the championship field. Additionally, any player in the top 50 point leaders and ties from the Rolex Rankings as of May 27 who is not already exempt will be added to the field.

More information about the U.S. Women's Open, including a variety of ticket options, is available at uswomensopen.com.

The following 100 golfers are fully exempt into the 2019 U.S. Women's Open (as of April 18):

Marina Alex	Moriya Jutanugarn	Anna Nordqvist
Brittany Altomare	Danielle Kang	Ji Hyun Oh
Aditi Ashok	Haeji Kang	Su Hyun Oh
Celine Boutier	Sarah Kemp	Amy Olson
Ashleigh Buhai	Cristie Kerr	Ryann O'Toole
Pei-Yun Chien	Megan Khang	Annie Park
Chella Choi	Hyojoo Kim	Inbee Park
Hyejin Choi	In-Kyung Kim	Jane Park
Na Yeon Choi	Jihyun Kim	Sung Hyun Park

In Gee Chun	Sei Young Kim	Suzann Pettersen
Carlota Ciganda	Katherine Kirk	Pornanong Phatlum
Jacqui Concolino	Jinyoung Ko	So Yeon Ryu
Paula Creamer	Lydia Ko	Lizette Salas
Laura Davies	Jessica Korda	Supmas Sangchan
Lindy Duncan	Nelly Korda	Jenny Shin
Austin Ernst	Brittany Lang	Jiyai Shin
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	Saranporn Langkulgasattrin	Jennifer Song
Shanshan Feng	Bronte Law	Mariah Stackhouse
Sandra Gal	Jeongeun Lee	Angela Stanford
Hannah Green	Mi Hyang Lee	Jasmine Suwannapura
Jaye Marie Green	Minjee Lee	Ai Suzuki
Jenny Haglund	Mirim Lee	Emma Talley
Georgia Hall	Soyoung Lee	a-Patty Tavatanakit
a-Leonie Harm	Jeongeun Lee6	Pannarat Thanapolboonyaras
Nasa Hataoka	Pernilla Lindberg	Lexi Thompson
Caroline Hedwall	Yu Liu	Ayako Uehara
Brooke Henderson	Yan Liu	Anne Van Dam
Mamiko Higa	Gaby Lopez	Karrie Webb
Wei-Ling Hsu	Mo Martin	Michelle Wie
Charley Hull	Caroline Masson	Amy Yang
a-Jiwon Jeon	Ally McDonald	Angel Yin
Eun Hee Ji	Gerina Mendoza	Sakura Yokomine
a-Shannon Johnson	Azahara Munoz	
Ariya Jutanugarn	Misuzu Narita	

Bold - U.S. Women's Open champion

a - amateur